

Western Kentucky University



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Located in Bowling Green, Western Kentucky University serves 18,664 students and employs 726 full-time faculty and 1,309 full-time staff. To support Kentucky's goal to Double the Numbers, WKU is committed to increase bachelor's degrees from 2,383 in 2007 to 4,324 in 2020.

In addition to funds needed for the maintenance of ongoing operations, the Council's budget recommendation for WKU provides \$2.5 million in 2008-09 and an additional \$3.3 million in 2009-10 in three areas: degree production, developmental education, and strategic investment in statewide priorities (such as regional stewardship, transfer, diversity, academic quality, graduate education, and outreach).

Also included in the Council's budget recommendation is \$70.7 million in state bonds for WKU's priority capital projects, including \$24 million for the phase three renovation of the Science Campus, \$28 million for a new Central Region Postsecondary Education Center (a joint project with KCTCS), \$4.6 million for phase two construction of a Materials Characterization Center, and \$14.1 million for the Owensboro Technical and Postsecondary Education Center (joint project with KCTCS).



Budget Highlights

The Council requests:

- \$93.4 million for WKU in 2008-09, an increase of 8.1 percent (\$7 million) over the prior year.
- \$98.4 million for WKU in 2009-10, an increase of 5.4 percent (\$5 million) over the prior year.
- \$503,800 in 2008-09 and an additional \$1.9 million estimated allocation from the Double the Numbers degree fund.²

Additional revenue available to WKU over the biennium includes:

- \$9.8 million in matching dollars from the Bucks for Brains program.³

Recommended capital projects (state bonds) include:

- \$24 million for the phase three renovation of the Science Campus.
- \$28 million for a new Central Region Postsecondary Education Center (joint project with KCTCS).
- \$4.6 million for phase two construction of a Materials Characterization Center.
- \$14.1 million for the OTPEC (joint program with KCTCS).
- \$5.6 million for the capital renewal, maintenance, and infrastructure pool.
- \$3.8 million for the information technology initiative pool.

Funds requested for WKU	2008-09	2009-10
Operating funds		
Base from prior year less debt service ¹	\$85,690,600	\$91,690,100
Maintenance of ongoing operations		
Inflationary adjustment (3.3%)	\$2,827,800	\$2,999,800
Base support for capital renewal	\$351,700	--
Maintenance & operation of new facilities	\$786,200	\$334,000
Double the Numbers strategic investments		
Developmental education	\$500,000	\$368,400
Statewide priorities	\$1,533,800	\$1,022,500
Degree production fund ²	\$503,800	\$1,890,000
Requested net General Fund appropriation	\$91,690,100	\$96,414,800
Debt service	\$1,670,000	\$1,958,100
Requested total General Fund appropriation	\$93,360,100	\$98,372,900
Additional funds		
Bucks for Brains (Endowment Match Program) ³	\$9,752,100	

1. Includes transfer of trust fund and funding program allocations from CPE to institutions.

2. Estimate based upon achieving levels of performance needed to keep pace with 2020 projections.

3. Reflects institution's distribution of overall \$200 million request.